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Pipe Major Andrew Mansfield leads the Remembrance Day Parade on Nov. 11 through Haliburton Village. For more photos, see inside this issue. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff

Haliburton Foodland dives into alcohol sales

EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

Brad Park, the owner of Haliburton's bustling Foodland, believes that liquor sales at the store will benefit business.

"It'll boost sales for sure," he said. "There's no downside to that."

Park was able to sell alcohol at the downtown location as of Oct. 31, and so far, he said it's been met with success.

"I've been spending some time around, listening to what people are saying," he said. "And so far, there hasn't been any negative feedback. Not one thing."

Currently, Park has the alcohol lined up near the freezer section of the store. There is a wide variety of options available; with everything from local beer to fine wines, and a variety of ciders and seltzers. The caveat with sales is that it must be "ready to drink", which means that hard liquors are not on the roster.

Sobeys, the national supermarket chain and parent company of Foodland, applied for the liquor licensing on behalf of the

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DH3 brings Diwali celebration to the Highlands

THOMAS SMITH
Staff Reporter

While many people in Haliburton County have celebrated Diwali privately, this year, Dance Happens Here Haliburton (DH3) is hosting what they believe to be the first public Diwali dance event.

Myra Stephen, member of the DH3 committee, says that Dance Happens Here is always looking for new dancing experiences to bring to the county. In the past, they have put on a salsa night and a Kolomejka to celebrate Ukrainian heritage.

Chair Jim Blake proposed the idea of bringing a Diwali celebration to the county. Diwali is a Hindu festival of lights that is now celebrated by many other religions from India. Diwali celebrates the victory of Dharma over Adharma. Blake thought that this celebration of the light would be perfect during the season's changes in Haliburton.

For their Festival of Lights, DH3 is bringing in Karim Khimji with his band Safari Sounds. The band uses traditional instruments such as the tabla and dholak and features two singers and three musicians.

DH3 will also be welcoming Paromita Kar who will perform Rajasthani folk style dancing in addition to Bollywood dancing. Paromita has a PhD in Dance Studies from York University and is a performer of the classical Indian Odissi dance, training under Odissi maestro Guru Durgacharan Ranbir of Odisha, India, as well as a performer of folk dances of Rajasthan. Participants to this event will be taught dance moves and are heavily encouraged to participate in this event.

Food will be provided by Masala Kraft from Lindsay to serve authentic Indian food. A variety of Indian sweets will be available. Foods that will be served will include daal tarka, chana masala, kadhai chicken, jeera rice, boondi raita, and more.

Stephen is particularly excited about this event with the approaching winter. "This event helps spread joy," says Stephen. We hope people will come out, enjoy themselves, and dance, says Stephen.

"This event is good for families, we would like to have whole groups of people there," says Stephen. "People are really excited about it."

Stephen says that to her, Diwali is about love, the triumph of light over darkness, the triumph of good over evil.

"There is a lot of anxiety, so to have a festival that showcases love, that is a great thing to celebrate."

Over two thirds of the tickets available for this event have been sold. It is highly recommended to act now before tickets sell out. Tickets will only be available at the door if they are not sold out beforehand. Tickets can be purchased on Eventbrite through the DH3 website at www.dancehappenshere.com. The event takes place on Nov. 16 at the Haliburton Legion. Doors will open at 6 p.m.

Selling process streamlined for alcohol at grocery stores

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franchise. "I knew it was coming," said Park. "We had heard about it since mid-August, but it all happened quickly once we were approved."

In early September, the green light was given by the provincial government to gas stations and convenience stores to sell alcohol, with grocery stores following on Oct. 31.

Steve Todd, the owner of Todd's Independent, is still waiting for approval to sell alcohol out of his facility. "It's a little more difficult," said Todd, "but, we applied for a license, so it's just a matter of time." Todd noted that the logistics behind the selling of alcohol in grocery stores can be complex when it comes to changing the layout of the store to accommodate sales. "But it will be a good selection once it happens. And it will happen quickly once we are approved."

While there are still a few wrinkles to be pressed out in the process of selling at Foodland, Park noted that most things have been streamlined. "Anyone selling or touching liquor needs to have proper training," he said. "It's a 1.5 hour course, and staff completed that." He also noted that there are designated liquor sale lines, where the cashiers are the legal age to sell liquor, and have the appropriate training.

"Something we're all thinking about though, is the returns," said Park, noting that logistics around returning empty bottles is still uncertain from a governmental directive perspective. "There have been questions around bringing back dirty, empty bottles to a grocery store, where people are buying food," noted Park. "So we are just waiting to hear what we should do if we start getting those."

When asked about concerns around easy-access of alcohol, Park noted that he's mindful of that, but not concerned. "I think having it readily available will make it different for people," he said. Though, he is very cognizant of ensuring that it doesn't fall in the hands of underage shoppers, noting that he will be adding cameras to the alcohol area, and maintaining appropriate training to cashiers to ensure safety and security to all shoppers.

In the week that alcohol has been made available at the local store, Park says sales have been good, and if anything, there has been a lot of positive feedback. "People are saying it's great," he said. "It's become a one-stop- shop. I'm all for it."

> ***"Anyone selling or touching liquor needs to have proper training."***
>
> — Brad Park

A variety of wines, beers, and ciders are now available for purchase at Haliburton Foodland, including local beers. /EMILY STONEHOUSE staff

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Health officials hit the road with drug poisoning report info

JAMES MATTHEWS

Staff Reporter

The drug poisoning crisis in the region is a growing public health issue.

That's according to an assessment of the problem by the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Public Health Unit.

In conjunction with the regional drug strategy, public health officials released its situational assessment of the four pillars approach to address the crisis in Haliburton County, City of Kawartha Lakes, and Northumberland County.

Contributing factors in the growing public health issue include historic prescription of opioids for clinical use, illegally produced synthetic opioids, numerous contaminants that make the unregulated supply unpredictable, and impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Situational Assessment of the Four Pillar Approach for Addressing the Drug Poisoning Crisis report provides an estimation of local trends in drug use and poisonings and the four pillar approach used to address the local crisis.

The four pillar model originated from the Canadian Drugs and Substances Strategy developed by Health Canada and promotes a collaborative approach to reduce the harms associated with substance use. The key points of the report are grouped under the four pillars includes of Prevention and Education, Treatment, Harm Reduction and Community Safety.

"Data in the report can help inform the design of specific prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and community safety interventions," said Dane Record, the HKLN Drug Strategy chairperson. "Engaging people with lived and living experience in these conversations is priority number one."

Record is looking forward to the opportunities the report presents for conversations among municipal governments, agencies and service providers, consumer advocacy groups, and the community at large about ways we can work together to tackle this growing health issue.

The report is written in three parts.

Part One describes the situation through data sources to show local trends in drug use and poisonings, including practices identified through a local survey conducted from December 2023 to March 2024 with 146 respondents with lived and living experience.

Part Two reviews programmatic actions by organizations working within the four pillars to address the drug poisoning crisis.

Part Three identifies implications for policy and practice and recommendations for action.

"The drug poisoning crisis is both an urban and rural crisis that exists everywhere and affects all of us," said Dr. Natalie Bocking, the public health unit's CEO and medical officer of health. "Our response needs to be collaborative.

"We must recognize that there is not one strategy that will solve this and we must work together at multiple levels to address the drug crisis."

Local data trends were presented by Vidya Sunil, epidemiologist for the district health unit's communities.

"During the COVID-19 pandemic the trends showed an increase in opioid use from 2019 to 2021," she said.

The rate of opioid-related emergency department visits in 2023 in the health unit region was over 1.6 times that of the provincial rate. Fentanyl was present in 86 per cent of opioid-related deaths.

"The report describes the situation using data available through various sources, and reviews programmatic actions by organizations working within the four pillars to address the drug poisoning crisis in our communities," said Kate Hall, the assessment report's lead author and a health promoter in the public health district.

> ***"We must recognize that there is not one strategy that will solve this and we must work together at multiple levels to address the drug crisis."***
>
> —Dr. Natalie Bocking

"It identifies recommendations for action in policy and practice that can help us work together and achieve better outcomes."

The report can be used to further conversations among municipal governments, agencies and service providers, consumer advocacy groups, and the community at large about ways to collaborate to reduce drug poisonings and deaths in communities.

Data in the report can help inform the design of specific prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and community safety intervention strategies.

The HKLN Drug Strategy Steering Committee and the HKPR District Health Unit will embark on an educational roadshow to present the report's findings to local governments, community stakeholders, and the public.

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Walker credits community for curling successes

Haliburton County local Jake Walker was recently inducted into the Waterloo Warriors Sports Hall of Fame. He credits his success to the support he received over the years in curling. /Photo submitted

EMILY STONEHOUSE

Editor

Jake Walker got his start in curling with the Minden Curling Club. "They had a great program and helped me get my feet, understand the game," he said, "and have a lot of fun doing it."

Little did he know, the small community centre would be the start of a lifelong passion for the decorated athlete.

At the end of September, Walker was inducted into the Waterloo Warriors Sports Hall of Fame. The Haliburton County local dove into the sport at the age of eight in Minden, and he never slowed down. By the age of 14, he filled in for a bantam team member at the provincial championships, and by the following year, was playing for the team competitively. "Enter, the start of my competitive team," said Walker.

When he started high school in Haliburton, Walker joined the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School curling team, coached by Tom Dibblee. "(He) was a great influence on our mental wellbeing during tough, competitive events, leading us to many great wins," recalled Walker.

The athlete remembers one specific time during a particularly tense game, Dibblee asked the team "what colour are we?"

"This was not a typical thing you hear from a coach in those situations," said Walker, "but a reminder to get out of our heads, remain calm, and let our better judgment come through when emotions may run high."

Walker credits Dibblee as "a great influence" on him personally, when navigating his own mental toughness through the game.

Walker went on to attend the University of Waterloo, where he joined the UW Warriors curling team. At that time, his coach was Scott Allen, who supported Walker as he stepped into a leadership position for the team. Walker noted that Allen was instrumental in alleviating outside pressures, allowing him to focus his energy on performing, and developing strategy for the game.

In 2010, Walker and his curling team won the Canadian Juniors, followed by a bronze medal at the World Juniors. His coach through those tournaments was John Thompson, who pushed the team to be their absolute best. "(He) held us accountable to being the best at our craft, and enabling us to just focus on being a good team and individually high performers," Walker recalled.

"I have many to thank from all my successes," said Walker. "It's hard to just pick one."

But right at the top, through Walker's eyes, is none other than his mother, Nancy Walker.

"My mother was very devoted to driving me everywhere for competitions," he said. "Not something to take lightly, as it's a very time consuming activity, similar to many other competitive sports that require travel."

Walker truly believes he would not be where he is, without the unwavering support of his mother, "one of my biggest supporters and my biggest fan," he shared.

In 2021, Walker was inducted into the Haliburton Highlands Sports Hall of Fame, and as of September, is officially a member of the Waterloo Warriors Sports Hall of Fame.

"I'm truly honoured by this induction. I'm joining a very elite group of athletes in the Warriors Hall of Fame, and that's something that's going to stay with me for the rest of my life," said Walker, "just like that same humbling honour it was to join the Haliburton Hall of Fame."

As for next steps, Walker intends to continue exploring his love of the sport, but he says it's been put on pause for the time being, as he and his wife have four young children, all under the age of six. "My wife and I have a very full life, so curling has taken a back seat while I prioritize what's most important to me," he said.

He knows that one day, he will step back into the sport, but he wants to make sure he is ready. "For me, getting back into it won't be a half measure," he said. "If I'm going back in, I'm going in hard, with the goal of making it to the top with no excuses."

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County corporation for new tourism tax nears completion

JAMES MATTHEWS

Staff Reporter

The Haliburton County Tourism Development Corporation is taking shape.

That's the name of the municipal services corporation that will use a portion of the proceeds from the new accommodation tax levied against operators of short-term rental (STR) properties in the lower tier townships.

The four mayors of the county's townships will be the corporation's interim directors and will develop governance policies and various services agreements. Three other public positions will be filled by people appointed by county council in the top half of next year.

The county will have authority over the development corporation's annual budgeting. County tourism and economic development staff will implement its operation plans.

According to a report prepared for the upper tier council, it's believed to take as long as three years to realize full revenue potential. Based on information received from the province, it's believed that revenue potential is in the area of $1.5 million a year from the Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT).

The MAT came into effect Oct. 1 as part of new rules governing STRs in the county. Half of the tax revenue collected will go to the respective township with the other half being kicked up to the new corporation and used for tourism industry development and promotion.

Scott Ovell, the county's economic development and tourism director, said the work of tourism development corporations is usually farmed out to consultants. The only centres he could find that kept the work in-house were larger cities such as Mississauga, Toronto, and Hamilton.

"Safe to say they have a few more staff resources than we do," he said.

The provincial government doesn't specify what needs to be included in a spelled-out business case for a municipal services corporation. It focuses on the rationale for the entity's creation and what its focus will be.

"That mandate doesn't really differ from what our tourism department does acting as the (destination marketing organization) for the county in its current role," Ovell said.

The mayors of the four municipalities speak for their respective organizations. So he said it's fitting they be on the corporation's interim board of directors.

"A big part of that as well is we would be developing the service agreement that will be proposed to your township," Ovell said. "That service agreement is really going to outline what the spending priorities are for the municipal services corporation in relation to your individual township.

"In a perfect world we'd like those four documents to be as close to the same as possible. But we understand that each one of you have your own strategic plan."

As such, each municipality's plan may include some specific projects on the horizon that could be included.

Councillor Bob Carter, the mayor of Minden Hills, wondered if the detail about directors serving without remuneration needs to be mentioned among the special provision details.

"I guess the thing is that if at some point we decided that some of the public members that we would want to actually pay somebody because they're going to be the chair or they're an important individual," he said. "I would prefer we just left out those four or five words."

He suggested some determination about that be left to future board members to decide.

"I don't know if this is set in stone or what?" Carter said.

Ovell said it was a common clause found in other business cases staff read through.

"The county, as the sole voting member, could amend policies whenever," Ovell said. "It doesn't require an AGM so to speak. If this was a traditional not-for-profit, that could only be done at an annual general meeting."

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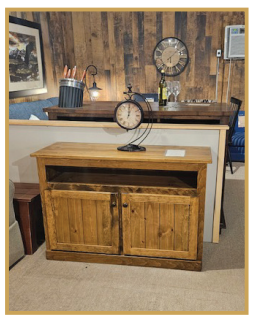

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A better tomorrow

I'VE BEEN asked about my post-election thoughts. I have many. Not all are appropriate for the lines of our local newspaper.

I know the American election isn't something that feels like it directly impacts our community, and that the purpose of these editorials is to shed light on local happenings.

But I think that we all have feelings around this outcome. And sometimes, we need to sit in those feelings. Just for a bit. It's the chatter I am still hearing at our local coffee shops, the buzz alive on social media.

"At least we're not American," is the phrase I am seeing plastered across the blue tinge of my computer screen by friends, by family, by colleagues.

But are we any better?

America didn't get to this place overnight. The polarization of politics has been a long time coming.

It starts with little quips. Pressure points taken out at the knees. Creating an "us versus them" mindset is something that is taught; no matter what flag you fly.

And it's something we are seeing in Canada as well. At provincial and federal levels, blue and red beliefs are staggering away from the centre; playing tug-of-war for power, and furthering the gap in between.

But it's not about politics anymore. Red or blue or anything in between. It's becoming personal now; attacks on people's identities, on their rights, on their very existence. That's not political. That's personal.

In the days following the American election, I watched people unravel from their places of disappointment to turn their faces towards the sun once again. Have hope. Move forward. Believe in the good from that personal place. Not the politics of the situation, but what it meant for the people.

I myself have looked to my own children; a dream that they will change the world. That we have made mistake after mistake, but they will be better.

And they will be. There's no doubt about that. But adding the burden of good onto the shoulders of tomorrow will not heal the wounds we have opened today.

We need to do more, now. Because America didn't get to this place overnight. Hate is something that is taught, something that is learned. It doesn't start with a wave of election banners and bullies screaming on national news. It's not political.

It's personal. It starts with small decisions. Choosing not to listen when those who need help reach out. Opting for hate over love. Taking the easy way out.

Decisions like when our current council chose not to change the name of the infamously racist and sexist Sam Slick Park because "it was supposed to be satirical," they chimed in unison.

Decisions like when our current council chose not to decorate for Pride Week upon being asked by the community. "Why would we want to decorate? We have to draw the line somewhere," they unanimously agreed.

These decisions are made in our community. Right here. Right now. And it's these little decisions that chip away at the goodness we so crave. The want for inclusion, for pride, for a better tomorrow.

And when we sleep on them, when we choose to just believe it will get better because it has to - how can it not - then we are part of the problem.

We can have hope for others, for ourselves, for our future. But we need to be a part of the action behind that hope, if we want to ever stand in the way of hate.

Because it's not about politics anymore. Now, it's personal.

emily stonehouse

Editorial

Sweet pups "paws" for a picture during the annual Snowflake Meadows fundraiser on Nov. 9. Snowflake Meadows is a not-for-profit that offers fostering and care for critters who need a little extra love. /photo by Tim Yano

Refuge

I FEEL LIKE I have been on a five day pause since the American election. I woke up to the news on Wednesday morning and I had no words. Like many people I just couldn't believe it. I could feel myself full of anger, fear, doubt and disbelief. And for days I've been observing how worried I am. I sit to meditate and my mind is all over the place. I have a hard time finding the quiet presence of love that I believe sits at the centre of me, of all beings. Instead I churn. I try to do some yoga and I feel like I have a hangover (even though I haven't been drinking). I'm heavy and sad and stiff. It's like my whole being is in shock.

As I quietly observe myself I realize it is the way it is right now, and I need to pause. I don't have any answers or know what to do to help or have any hope right now. But what I can do is pause, listen and attend and befriend myself. Quiet loving attention is what I can give myself. And permission to feel afraid and mad and sad. And then I go for a walk. And I pay attention to the beauty that I live in. The fresh air and the blue sky and sun that is around me. And for a few moments I feel a little more settled and a little stronger in my heart. And then I go back to worrying or reading the news and getting stirred up again. It is a process. It will take time.

I went to my first meditation retreat in the early nineties, and ever since then I've been learning about myself. How my thoughts can take me into love or fear. How my thoughts can be so critical and negative towards myself and others. And how I also have the capacity to practice loving kindness. It's all very messy. I am full of love and hope and anger and sadness. It's all there. Sometimes one voice is louder than another. What I am realizing about myself now in 2024 is that all of my years of practicing, in this case meditation, has given me this tool that is familiar and takes no equipment or conditions to do. I can sit on my cushion wherever I am in the world, and pause. I take refuge in my quiet centre and I rest there. For as long as I need.

And eventually I will feel stronger and ready to step back into the world and do what I can to support all of life. I read a quote that said "I hold love, and love holds me." We let ourselves be held by love and trust that the love will guide us. All work for change has to come from a strong spirit. A strong soul. So rest, regroup, connect with people who inspire you and remind you of your belonging and your goodness. And when you are ready carry on, work for the well being of all.

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Blueberries

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Loon Tales

LAST WEEK I was in the grocery store when I noticed that they were selling cartons of blueberries for two dollars apiece – which, these days, is a pretty good price.

While I was reaching for some, another fellow doing the same thing, looked at me and immediately credited Donald Trump for low price. I thought he was joking. It made no sense on a number of levels. Not the least of which was that Trump was only acclaimed the winner of the election the day before.

Yet, before that man left, to presumably buy more Kool Aid, he also credited Trump for lowering the price of gas. And for ending other conspiracy theory-based tales that are unfit for print – or the grocery store.

I walked away shaking my head.

We were standing in a Canadian grocery store the day after Trump was proclaimed the next US President and, according to this man, he had already managed to solve one of the most confounding issues of our time – the high price of blueberries in Haliburton.

I'm going to be honest here. Up till that point, I had never been a fan of Trump – but only because of everything he has ever said and done. But this whole blueberry thing has made me want to reconsider my stance.

I started thinking of how great it was that Mr. Trump took time out of his busy day to magically lower the price of blueberries in a country that he could have cared less about. And it made me think that maybe – just maybe – I was completely wrong about him.

But then I thought, "Hold on … Not so fast!"

What if, I mused, the fellow who credited Trump for the plummeting price of blueberries was totally wrong. What if it was simply a matter of a tinfoil hat being on a bit too tight? Or perhaps he loved Trump so much that he was giving Trump credit for things he has never done? After all, they say imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, right?

In any case, after almost two full seconds of critical thought, it occurred to me that not one of that man's claims could possibly be true – otherwise, I would have also paid less for the seedless grapes.

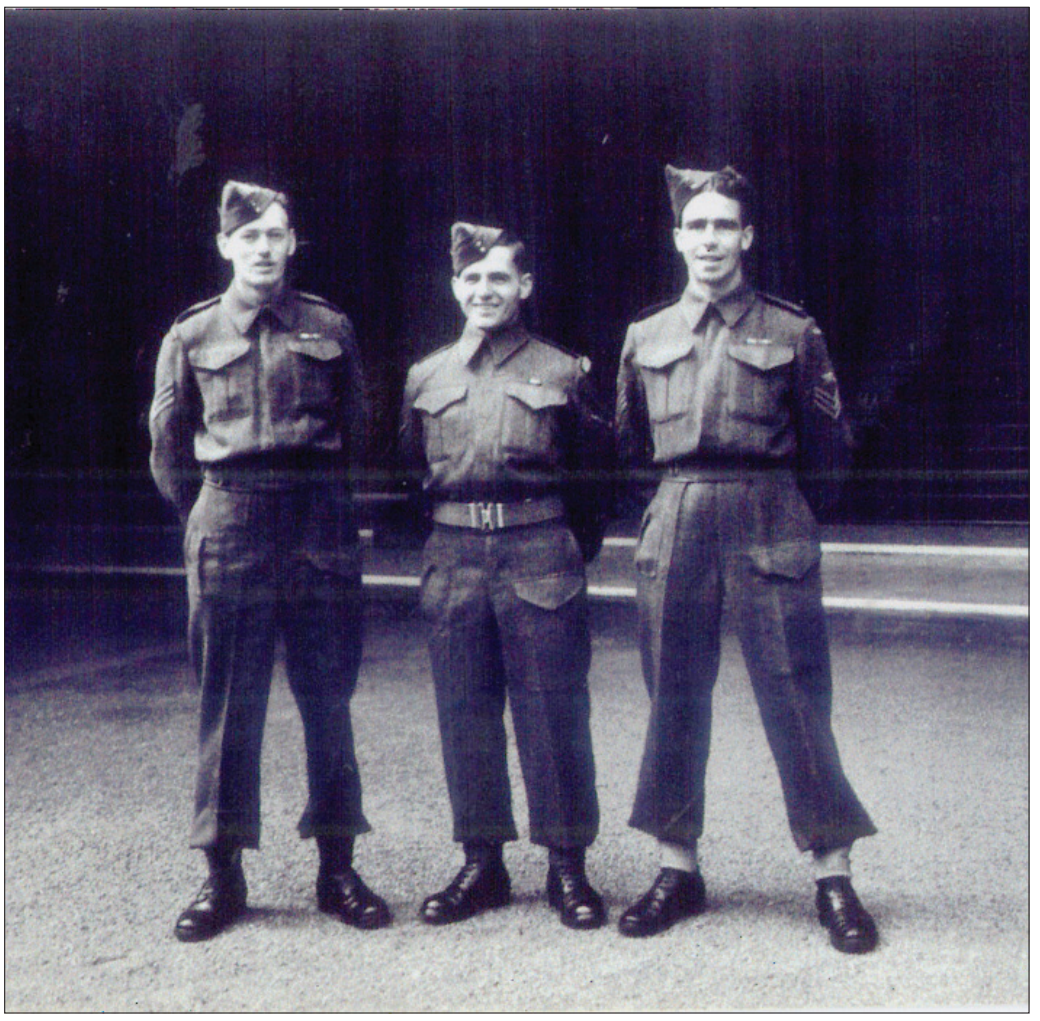
The logical explanation was that the blueberries were likely on sale as a store promotion before they hit their best before date. Plus, the price of gas went down a day or two before the US election. Even if Trump wanted to, he could not have changed any of these things just yet. Or ever.

I'm going to go out on a limb here and suggest that the price of blueberries in Canada are last thing on Trump's mind – well not the last thing. That's probably the well-being of the American people.

But why would a Canadian put this kind of faith in the future leader of a foreign country? Especially one as ridiculous and unstable as DJT? Worse still, what gave him the impression that I, or anyone else, would fall for that nonsense? I mean, sure several hundred million people in the US did. But that's something for the historians to unravel.

I walked out of the store confounded by the entire encounter.

I mean, there we were talking about blueberries when the world has obviously gone bananas…



pic *of the* past

Aubrey Maxwell, George Hunter and Crawford Shier, all from Haliburton County, enlisted in the second World War. The three men walked to Kinmount, where they caught a train that took them to Peterborough, where the closest recruiting office was located. /FILE

letters to the editor

Spare change makes a difference

To the Editor,

Have you considered the significance of your contributions during this pivotal time of year?

Every single dollar you donate to our Rotary projects throughout the year is reinvested back into the community, supporting local non-profits that make a real difference. So, when you spot the Minden Rotary Celebrity Clowns –dressed up and spreading joy in a parade, distributing little red noses, and pulling a "red wagon with a big red nose" – please open your hearts and give generously. We're more than happy to collect any loose change you can spare!

Think about that jar of coins you have at home – the one where you toss your keys, or that bowl of change that sits on your dresser. Each bit of spare change adds up, transforming into meals for the food bank, warmth for families during the cold winter months, and projects that uplift children and enhance our community.

We invite you to bring your change or your wallet to the upcoming Santa Claus Parades in Minden or Haliburton. When you see the "Big Red Nose" on the red wagon, drop your coins or cash inside as it passes by, or hand it to a Minden Rotary Celebrity Clown. As a token of our appreciation, we'll gift you a little red nose!

If you happen to forget your coins, don't worry! We have a convenient donation button on our website, mindenrotary.ca. When making an online donation, please let us know a Celebrity Clown sent you! Your support means the world to us.

Thank you for being a part of our mission to create positive change in our community.

Sally Moore
Minden Rotary Celebrity Clowns,
Minden

Letters to the Editor note: Submissions are subject to editing for newspaper style and punctuation.

The Huskies hustled against the St. Michaels Buzzers this past weekend, pulling out an impressive 4 - 2 win on hometown ice. /TIM YANO Staff photographer

Playing 'Husky Hockey'; how the hometown team is coming out on top

EMILY STONEHOUSE

Editor

It's been a monumental season for the Haliburton County Huskies.

Out of 135 other Junior A teams across the country, the hometown Huskies are currently holding the 15th slot in Canada, and second in the Eastern conference, with 17 wins out of the past 23 games. "That's a huge honour," said head coach and general manager of the team, Ryan Ramsay.

After a slew of different names and locations, the team settled in Haliburton County in 2021, and have been finding their footing fast, making their mark in the league early on. But with the age range of the players, many athletes are unable to stick around for too long before moving onto new opportunities in the hockey world.

"This past year, we lost a few players, and now, we're really considered to be a young team," said Ramsay. "But they're dialed in this year. They're playing what we like to call 'Husky Hockey' this year."

As a billeted team, with players living locally with residents around the area, Ramsay noted that the team is particularly close. "They're together a lot," he said, "and that helps them work together on the ice as well. They're a very close team."

Ramsay noted that the environment of the A.J. LaRue Arena plays an important role in the success of the team.

"At the beginning of the season, our attendance was down 20, maybe 25 per cent," he said. "There were a lot of nice Saturdays in October where people just wanted to be outside. I can't blame them, but crowds are definitely encouraged. It plays such a big factor."

Now that the team is firing up, the crowds seem to be joining in on their enthusiasm, and the energy is building once again. "The word around the league is that teams like to play here. It's a good atmosphere, a good hometown crowd," said Ramsay.

The success of the team isn't going unnoticed. Last week, Ramsay was selected by the Ontario Junior Hockey League to coach at the 2024 Battle of Ontario All Star Game. The series takes place in Smith Falls over Nov. 19 to 20, and Ramsay noted that a select few players from the Huskies will also be joining the star-studded team, though he was keeping the names under wraps until an official announcement was made,

Ramsay noted that an upcoming local game has been changed from Nov. 19 to Nov. 14 as a result of the All Star Game. Tickets from the game will be adjusted accordingly to the new date.

Land Trust turns to community for help

EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

The Hadlington property in Highlands East would make an important asset to the Land Trust. /submitted

A new opportunity has emerged for the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, and they have until the end of the year to make it happen.

The not-for-profit, which focuses on conservation, education, and community outreach surrounding the natural environment in the Highlands, has recently been offered a vital habitat in Haliburton with the purpose of preservation, protection, and research.

"We've never done this sort of thing before, it's our first purchase," said Sheila Ziman, the director of the organization, and one of its founding members. "But we thought to ourselves that the time is right."

The undeveloped 100-acre property, known as the Hadlington property, belonged to a landowner who was eager to advocate for the health and well-being of the land. The parcel of land falls within the Highlands Corridor, which, as Ziman explained, is like a "puzzle" of interwoven private properties with Crown Land. The Highlands East property is currently surrounded by Crown Land on three sides of the property.

This is one of the features that makes the location desirable for the Land Trust. One of the many.

It was identified as a significant property by the Land Trust's biologist, Paul Heaven, noting 3.5 kilometres of natural shoreline, as well as 28 acres of wetlands, a rock barren habitat, and a high occurrence of species at risk, including the elusive Blanding's turtle.

The property seems ideal, but in order to attain the land, the organization needs to raise $75,000 by the end of the year.

Ziman noted that they have received funding from both the federal and provincial governments, which puts a dent in the $310,000 purchase price of the Hadlington property, but they are looking to the community to help with the remainder.

"There are two prongs of fundraising," said Ziman. "One is through our online auction, and the other is a land acquisition fund, which is so heartwarming and wonderful to see. We just launched that and have already raised $14,000 there."

For the auction portion of fundraising, the online forum will go live on Nov. 17, and will stay open for bids until Dec. 8. "There are fabulous prizes," said Ziman. "A great combination of gifts for the holidays, as well as experiences. Things you need to dust, and things you don't!"

Some of these prizes include guided hikes, movie tickets, dinners out, and Toronto Raptors tickets, to name a few.

Ziman hopes that by including the community in the fundraising process, it will allow for a sense of ownership over the property; which, upon the hopeful future sale, will be available for the community to experience, learn, and explore.

For more information on the Land Trust, and to support the Hadlington property, visit www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca.

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Lest We Forget

Members of Haliburton Legion Branch 129 march in the rain on Nov. 11 through Haliburton. /EMILY STONEHOUSE staff

The Haliburton Highlanders Pipes and Drums Band marched through downtown Haliburton

Despite rainy weather, there was a full crowd during this year's Remembrance Day Ceremony in Haliburton. /DAVID ZILSTRA staff

Derrick Moore assists Wanda Evans, a representative for the Silver Cross Mothers.

Christmas Toy & Food Drive 2024

Join the Haliburton County Home Builders' Association and help us to make a difference!

As the Christmas season commences, The Haliburton County Home Builders Association would like to encourage you to include its Christmas Challenge in your plans. Large or small, each gift will help fill the Christmas hampers distributed by the Food Banks in Haliburton County. If you aren't sure what to collect simply gather local gift certificates.

Option 1: Call - text 705-457-6901, email info@hchba.ca in advance to arrange a date to pick up your gifts. We will take them to the local distribution centers.

Option 2: Drop off your gifts at one of our partners. We will then pick up from there.

Partners:

Curry Chevrolet Buick GMC – 5065 County Road 21

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Drop off for the 4C's in Haliburton is Dec 6th and other locations Dec 14th

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We have lift off!

The Haliburton Legion's new accessibility lift opened on Oct. 31, after months of waiting for approval. Robert Heeps, Jodi Timgren, Chris Briggs and Mike Waller cut the ribbon to open the lift. "It is a great day for the members of the Legion and the community that visit us," says Waller, the President of Branch 129 Haliburton Legion. /photos submitted

Boshkung takes silver

EMILY STONEHOUSE

Editor

Boshkung Brewing has once again been recognized for their outstanding beers - and this time on a national stage.

The Haliburton County company recently took home a silver prize in the English IPA category at the Canada Beer Cup - beating out over 1500 other beers from across the country.

"We figured we had won something," said Mathew Renda, the co-owner of Boshkung, "but we weren't sure exactly what it was."

The awards took place in Vancouver this year, after traveling from city to city over the years. Despite the interest in attending in-person, Renda noted that he wasn't sure if it was worth the journey if the outcome was unknown.

Instead, the Minden-based brewery hosted a live-stream of the awards show, which resulted in sharing the successes as a community - a focus that Renda and his team always have top of mind.

Boshkung Brewing Co. has grown and pivoted over the years, starting as an offshoot of Rhubarb Restaurant in Carnarvon, and eventually expanding with new owners, new food, and a new vision.

The Kungaroo IPA in particular is a beer that Boshkung produces which has been given a nod of approval more than once, having won gold two years in a row with the Ontario Beer Awards, before hitting the national stage last month."It's a really unique beer," said Renda. "It's a more traditional, English IPA, and always a crowd favourite."

While being crowned for beer championships on the other side of the country, the local brewery was also given the nod of approval from a local audience, with 32 nominations through the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce awards gala. Boshkung was highlighted in everything from tourism and hospitality to individual leadership business achievements.

And the company intends to continue offering services throughout the winter months, when many tourism-based businesses call it quits until warmer weather. "We've got a new menu rolling out," said Renda, "and we are covering our porch to make sure it's warm for the winter."

Renda said the first week of November, they will also be launching their First Responders nights each Friday evening, offering discounts to anyone on the front lines. "It's just a way to give back and appreciate all the work they do," said Renda.

Boshkung Brewing Co. is located at 20 Water Street in downtown Minden.

Diwali

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Festival of Lights in Haliburton!

Saturday, November 16 - Haliburton Legion.

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Transportation options available, for more information please contact (705) 286-1333 x.256 or cswb@haliburtoncounty.ca

Ontario Invasive Plant Council promotes non–invasive plants

by **THOMAS SMITH**
Staff Reporter

On Oct. 21 and 23, the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust presented "Introduction to Terrestrial Invasive Plants of Haliburton County." Invasive species expert Vicki Simkovic presented to an online audience while representing the Ontario Invasive Plant Council. The session on Oct. 21 covered invasive species and how to identify them, while the session on Oct. 23 covered management options and solutions to prevent the spread of invasive species.

"Native plants evolved in native soils and climate with other native species and as a result native plants support a greater diversity and number of wildlife species. These native species are important because overall there has been a dramatic global decline in insects over the past 35 years. Flying insects are down 70 per cent and this loss is linked at least in part to the loss of their availability of their native host plants. Insects have co-evolved with specific host plants and often will not feed on non-native plants."

"With the loss of plants brings the loss of insects and in turn, a loss of birds as birds often rely on insects to eat and rear their young. An invasive species is one that has been introduced from another geographic region to a new area outside of its natural range. Once it's present, it has negative impacts to the environment, economy, and society."

Not all species introduced will be invasive, says Simkovic. Dandelions, for example, are an alien species that is not considered invasive. A spectrum of invasiveness ranges from minimally invasive to transformers that dominate the local ecosystem.

"A number of traits that make invasive species really successful is partly, that they are very adaptable to a lot of different climates, drought, and difficult conditions, tough urban climates and environments. They often have few predators so when they come to a new area, they often lose their enemies, predators, and herbivores that would have kept their populations in check." They often can reproduce quickly because they have high seed viability and high seed production and are very competitive. Some species like Buckthorn can leaf out really early in the spring and they don't leave their springs until really late in the fall, so they have a really long photosynthetically active period."

Invasive species of plants can be spread by wind, on animals, through waterways, horticulture, boating, and firewood movement.

"Invasive species are the second most significant cause of species extinction worldwide," says Simkovic. "In Ontario, we have the most invasive species compared to other provinces."

Invasive species such as phragmites alter wetland habitats and species like garlic mustard will out compete white trilliums.

Japanese knotweed, garlic mustard, dog-strangling vine, phragmites, wild parsnip, lily of the valley, goutweed, periwinkle, and Eurasian water-milfoil were also discussed. Simkovic detailed the similarities between invasive species and native species.

On Oct. 23, Simkovic discussed management solutions for invasive species.

"It may not always be realistic to expect total eradication of invasive plants, but to try to manage them on a more basic level," says Simkovic.

Simkovic proposed three considerations for property management:

Prioritizing your work through early detection, controlling of satellite populations, and identifying high priority areas.

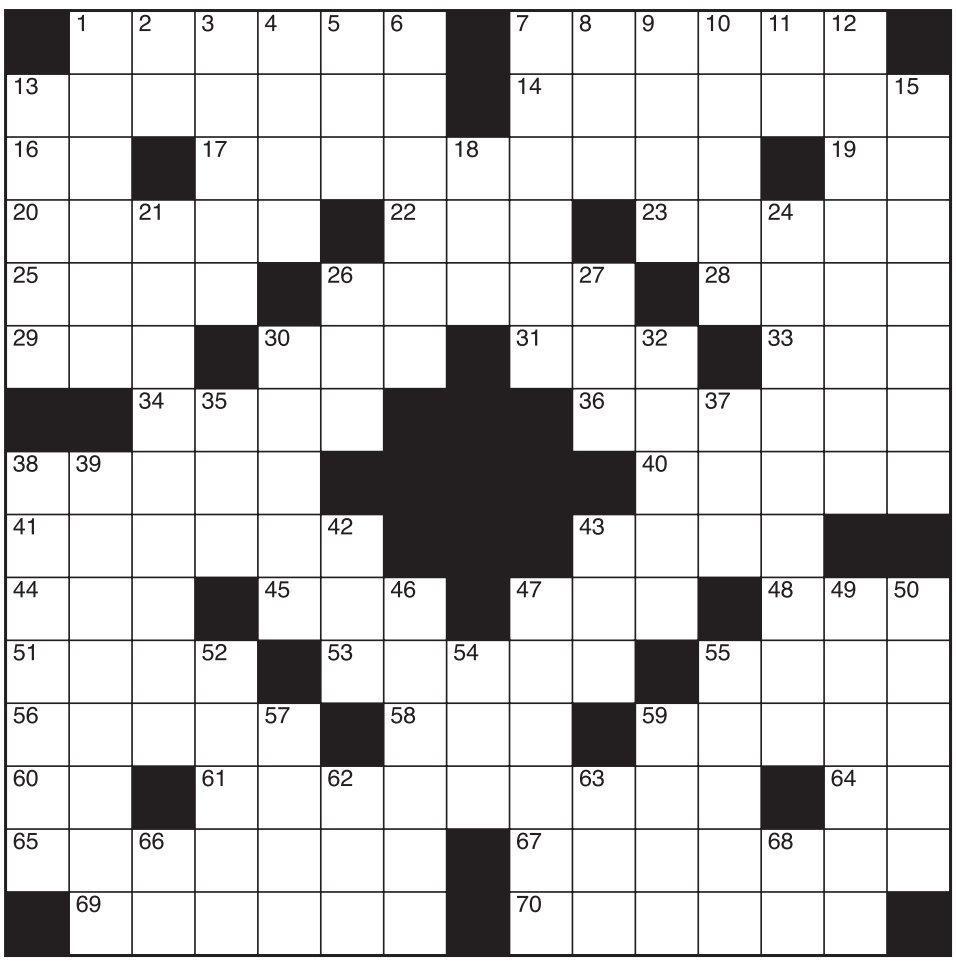
Consider effort, effectiveness, and precautions through things such as site accessibility, impacts of control measures, and the timing of species removal.

Obtaining permission and permits.

The Invasive Plant Council offers a Grow Me Instead plant guide that assists in choosing suitable non-invasive species for your garden. The guide can be viewed online at www.ontarioinvasiveplants.ca.

Shoebox of sweetness

You know it's the holiday season when Glecoff's Family Store starts carrying their shoeboxes. The project is run through the organization Samaritan's Purse, and allows kids of all ages to have a gift on Christmas. "We've been doing it for years," said Amy Glecoff, co-owner of the store, noting that if the business will offer 20 per cent off your purchase of anything to go into the box. Boxes can be filled with anything that may bring joy on Christmas morning. "A lot of people bring their kids in to help pack the boxes to donate," said Glecoff, "and it's a great way to help them understand the act of giving." More information on the Shoebox Project can be found at the front entry of Glecoff's. Pictured, Emily and Amy Glecoff with the Shoebox display. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff



CLUES ACROSS
1. Schoolhouse tool
7. Martens
13. Slags
14. One who scrapes
16. Centiliter
17. White wine
19. Of I
20. Former Syracuse great Warrick
22. Relating to the ear
23. Sandwich shops
25. Victories
26. White (French)
28. Self-immolation by fire ritual
29. Genus of parrots
30. Unhappy
31. Talk incessantly
33. Type of Squad
34. Unit of perceived loudness
36. Violent seizure of property
38. Agave
40. Sound units
41. Removes from record
43. Partner to Mama
44. Mythological bird
45. Dash
47. Hair product
48. Two-year-old sheep
51. Signs a deal
53. Conifer
55. Autonomous republic in NW Russia
56. Wife of Muhammed
58. British Air Aces
59. Ears or ear-like appendages
60. Not caps
61. Deep-bodied sea dweller
64. Rural delivery
65. Feeling
67. Study of relations of organisms to one another
69. Room to argue
70. Question

CLUES DOWN
1. Cream puff
2. Road open
3. Stressed syllable
4. Thailand's former name
5. Cologne
6. Recounted
7. Garment of cloth
8. Airborne (abbr.)
9. Reproduced
10. Emits coherent radiation
11. "Westworld" actor Harris
12. Smallest interval in Western music
13. Unstressed central vowel
15. Lives in
18. When you expect to get somewhere
21. Storage bags
24. One who covers with plastic
26. Cast out
27. Automobile
30. Repaired shoe
32. Belonging to the bottom layer
35. Possesses
37. Soda
38. Programs
39. In an unexpected way
42. A bag-like structure in a plant or animal
43. For each
46. Unbelief
47. Seized or impaled
49. Arrive on the scene
50. Especially happy
52. Classic western film
54. Split pulses
55. Frida __: Painter
57. Start again
59. Employee stock ownership plan
62. Young women's association
63. Frozen water
66. "The First State"
68. Computers need one

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Open mic magic

Harvey Lamb performs a couple of songs during The Haliburton County Folk Society open stage night on Saturday at the Haliburton Legion.

Rob Gillard and Amy O'Beirne perform two songs together to an engaged audience Saturday evening.

Gord Kidd belts out a tune during the open stage evening at the Haliburton Legion on Nov. 9. /ADAM FRISK Special to the *Echo*

The annual Heat Bank online and in-person auction raised over $46,000 for the cause during their fundraiser on Nov. 10 at Rhubarb Restaurant. /photo submitted

Heat Bank fundraiser warms hearts

The annual fundraiser for Central Food Network's Heat Bank program hosted by Rhubarb Restaurant, was warmly received by the community, raising an incredible $46,065! The event included a seated dinner, a lively in-person auction, and an extensive online auction, bringing together the community in support of emergency heating assistance for vulnerable households in Haliburton County. Thanks to the generosity of attendees and sponsors, funds raised will provide essential firewood, heating fuel, and hydro support to help residents stay warm this winter.

Submitted

Canadian screen legend comes to Haliburton

JANET TRULL

Special to the Echo

Actor and author, R.H. Thomson, will be the guest speaker at the annual Friends of the Library Fundraiser. You probably know R.H. Thomson best from his many roles on CBC productions. He was Jasper Dale on *Road to Avonlea*, and he played Matthew Cuthbert on *Anne with an E*. He's been an inspector on *Murdoch Mysteries*. R.H. Thomson has received many awards, including Geminis, the Governor General's Performing Arts Award for Lifetime Achievement and the Order of Canada.

R.H. Thomson is the author of a new book called *By the Ghost Light*. This book is about the individual casualties of war. Human lives unfinished. As we recognize Remembrance Day this November, it is a real privilege to have R.H. Thomson join us in Haliburton to explore the stories we Canadians tell about war.

Like so many of us, Thomson inherited artifacts from the world wars that include photos of boys in uniform, medals for bravery, and even weapons. He was touched by the letters from uncles who did not return. "A family's strength – and occasionally its curse – is the stories it remembers, stories that create a map by which to navigate the years ahead," he says. This idea led him to imagine his ancestors telling their stories on a stage. As an actor, Thomson often returns to the stage after the play is over. It is a good place to reflect on the performance. His book describes a stage, illuminated by the "ghost light" where the reader is introduced to a cast of characters whose lives were forever altered by war. These include soldiers, grieving mothers, nurses, and wounded veterans.

Here in Haliburton County, we remember the war dead with cenotaphs, monuments and the recently refurbished Sherman tank. In Thomson's book, there's a photograph of a German trench mortar in front of his high school. He says that, "the narrative we all learned was about heroism and sacrifice in Canada's fight for democracy and freedom." Thomson has started an ambitious project to add to these traditional war commemorations. It is called *The World Remembers*.

He says, "We must never lose sight of the fact that history is not the history of nations or ideologies but of people." This project, currently available for viewing at the National War Museum in Ottawa, names every soldier who fought and died in the Great War. All 9.5 million of them, from countries around the world.

Join the Friends of the Library on Sunday, Nov. 24 at the Haliburton Legion, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Tickets are $25, available at the Minden Library Book Nook, or by calling Sue Sisson at 705-286-2000. Proceeds from ticket sales and the silent auction will go to support our dynamic community libraries.

Moving for your health

Aging Together as Community and The County of Haliburton invite you to join us for a conversation with Meghan Cox, owner and trainer at Just Movement Fitness. She will explain why movement is good medicine for our health as we age.

Learn chair exercises, try Nordic pole walking, and discover other activities to try.

Title: Movement Is Good Medicine
Where: United Church, 10 George Street, Haliburton
When: Saturday, December 7, 2024
2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Register by December 3, 2024 by email at atachhevents@gmail.com or call Connie Wood 705-457-7215.

You can also attend from your home by Zoom.

Molly's Bistro and Bakery will serve turkey pot pie, cranberry and walnut coleslaw, and apple crisp after the guests speak.

Submitted

Notice
(Applicant – Jones)

In the matter of the *Municipal Act* and in the matter of a proposed By-law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East to close, stop-up and convey certain portions of an Original Shore Road Allowance along the shore of Esson Lake, more particularly hereinafter described.

Notice Is Hereby Given, pursuant to the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at a virtual meeting on **Tuesday the 10th day of December 2024**, at 9:30 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Firstly: Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lots 26 & 27, Concession 15, Township of Monmouth, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 1 on Plan of Survey 19R-11035, made by **Bishop Geyer Surveying Inc. completed October 1, 2021.**

Secondly: Part of Lots 26 & 27 Designated as Road Allowance shown on Registered Plan No. 409, Concession 15, Township of Monmouth, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 2 on Plan of Survey 19R-11035, made by **Bishop Geyer Surveying Inc. completed October 1, 2024.**

The Plan of Survey is available to you for inspection by you making an appointment at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus. If you wish to attend the virtual meeting, please call or e-mail the Municipal Clerk prior to the day of the public meeting so you can be provided with a link or phone number for the meeting. If you do not have the capability to attend a virtual meeting, please provide written comments to the Municipal Clerk prior to the public meeting.

Any person or his or her counsel, solicitor or agent who attends the virtual meeting shall be afforded an opportunity to make representations in respect of the within matter.

And Take Further Notice that if the public wishes to participate regarding the purchase of Shoreline Road Allowance please contact the Municipal Clerk.

Dated at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 12th day of November, 2024.

Robyn Rogers, Municipal Clerk
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rrogers@highlandseast.ca
(705) 448-2981

Notice
(Applicant – Legge Scientific Inc.)

In the matter of the *Municipal Act* and in the matter of a proposed By-Law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East to close, stop-up and convey certain portions of Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance for road along the shore of **Glamor Lake**, more particularly hereinafter described.

Notice Is Hereby Given, pursuant to the *Municipal Act, S.O. 2001*, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at a virtual meeting on **Tuesday, December 10, 2024**, at 9:30 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 34, Concession 12, Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Parts 1 and 2 on Plan 19R-11032 made by **Bishop Geyer Surveying Inc., completed July 29, 2024.** *(Part 2 being the flooded portion to be retained by the Municipality of Highlands East).*

The Plan of Survey is available to you for inspection by you making an appointment at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus. If you wish to attend the virtual meeting, please call or e-mail the Municipal Clerk prior to the day of the public meeting so you can be provided with a link or phone number for the meeting. If you do not have the capability to attend a virtual meeting, please provide written comments to the Municipal Clerk prior to the public meeting.

Any person or his or her counsel, solicitor or agent who attends the virtual meeting shall be afforded an opportunity to make representations in respect of the within matter.

And Take Further Notice that if the public wishes to participate regarding the purchase of Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance please contact the Municipal Clerk.

Dated at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 5th day of November, 2024.

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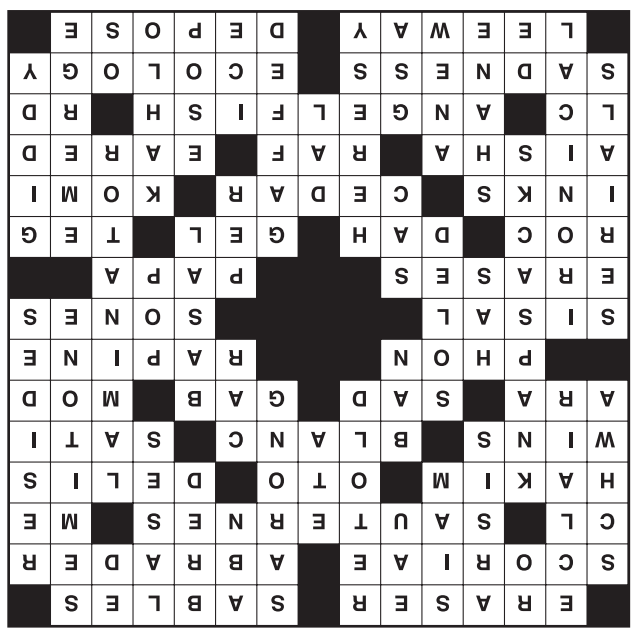

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Stanhope takes the plunge on ice and water rescues

Fire fighters to be trained on special techniques

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Despite a move by three former county wardens to throw cold water on the plan, Stanhope has become the first municipality in the county to give its firefighters clearance to perform controversial ice and water rescue attempts.

Once the fire department's chief and another firefighter complete a training course in January and the department purchases necessary equipment, they'll be allowed to cross ice and water to try to save people — something firefighters across the county are presently forbidden to do.

The training course will qualify fire chief Bob Pollard and firefighter Dan Stiver, both licensed scuba divers, to train the rest of the department's volunteers in the rescue technique.

Stanhope council's decision, which narrowly passed in a 3-2 vote Wednesday, puts an end to two years of debate that exposed deep divisions among the councillors, as well as others in the community.

Three former Stanhope politicians, each of whom previously held the titles of councillor, reeve and county warden, appealed to council to put a freeze on ice and water rescues.

In a letter to council, James Harrison, Sinclair Nesbitt and Harry Davis wonder why the municipality would consider going forward with a policy "which has conjured up so much opposition."

Among their concerns, they question whether the ratepayers of Stanhope have been advised of the "exorbitant costs" of operating an ice and water rescue program.

They also ask if council has

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A hard day of team work:

Haliburton's 2nd entry Peewee hockey team were busy cutting, splitting and stacking 15 facecords of firewood on Saturday. Team members are selling $ 5 draw tickets on the load, which will be delivered free to the lucky winner. Hard at work are, from left: Aaron Tomlinson, Alex Ambridge and Matt Brown.

Haliburton's downtown plans a facelift

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Improvements could cost more than $500,000

Haliburton merchants who want to give the village a facelift are trying to position themselves in the right place at the right time, should government funding come available to help them carry out the expensive make-over.

There are indications the provincial and federal governments may once offer an infrastructure funding program, said design consultant Juris Berzins, who has been hired by the Haliburton BIA to put together a main street beautification plan.

In the past the program offered two thirds funding to municipalities for upgrade projects.

"If infrastructure funding comes available, the BIA would like council to apply for the funding for them," Berzins told Dysart councillors at a meeting last week.

And if the funding does materialize, it would be in the best interest of the BIA and the municipality to be prepared, said Ted Brandon, who was at the meeting representing Haliburton-Victoria MPP Chris Hodgson's office.

"It's important that there's an approved plan to be ready in case infrastructure funding is definitely announced," he said.

Berzins said he could have a finalized plan with a detailed breakdown of costs in the municipality's hands by the end of last week.

The overall cost of all the proposed improvements, which are recommended to be carried out over seven years, would add up to roughly $550,000, he said.

That would leave the merchants and council — if it agrees to help out with the costs — with a bill for up to $200,000, assuming an infrastructure program is offered at the previous rate of two-thirds funding.

But the municipality may have the opportunity to reduce the tab even further, said Reeve Murray Fearrey.

The province wants Dysart to take over sections of Highways 121 and 118 in the village of Haliburton. Before handing over the roads, the province will likely offer some funding to see that they are upgraded.

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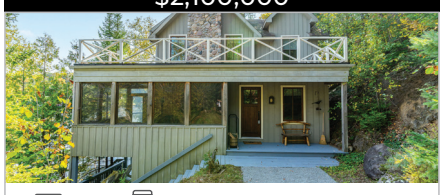

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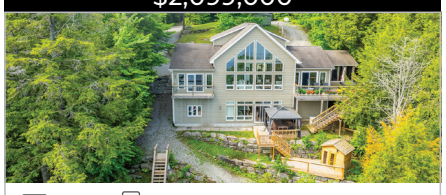

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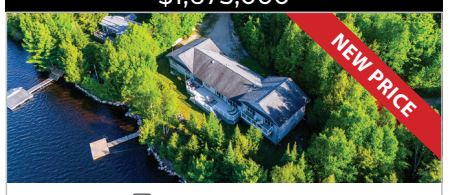

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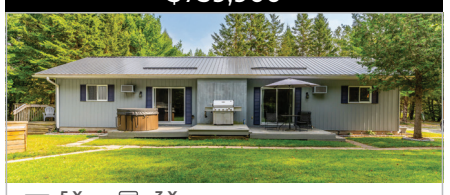

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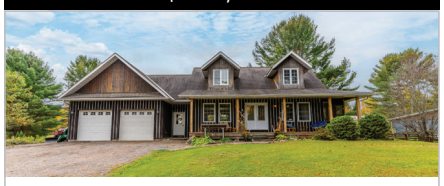

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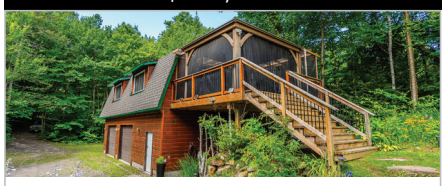

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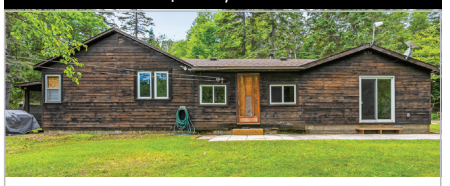

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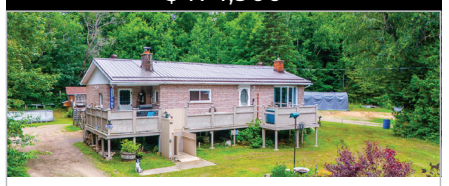

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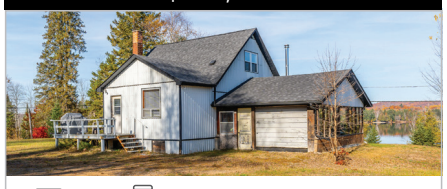

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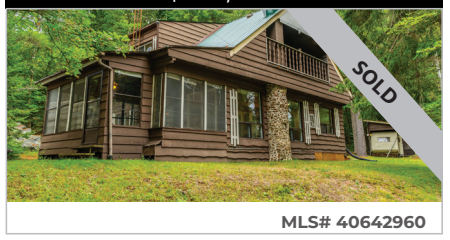

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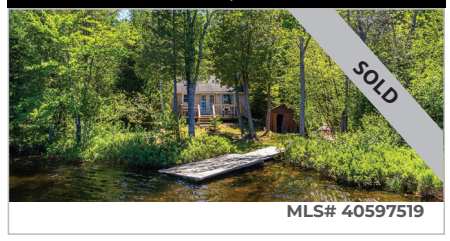

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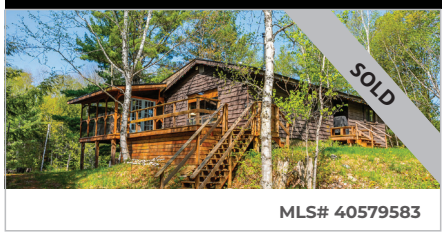

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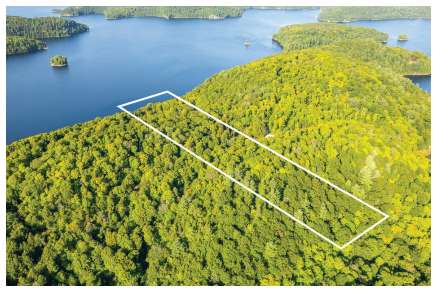

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